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AMENDMENT

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By

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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Official Action of the Examiner mailed May 22, 2002, setting a three-month shortened statutory period for response ending August 22, 2002.

In the Drawings

Figure 2 has been amended to include a "Prior Art" designation. A red-line copy of Figure 2 is enclosed herewith for approval by the Examiner.

In the Claims

Please add newly presented claims 21-22.

Please amend claims 1, 4, 5, 9, 10, 15, 17, 18 and 20 as follows:

1. (Amended) A polarization controlled optical energy source comprising:
a laser source element that produces a light output that has one and/or both of at least two

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